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House Resolution 778

By: Representatives James of the 135th and Sellier of the 136th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the annual Hambone Jam as the official Georgia State BBQ Championship
- 2 competition of the Georgia Barbeque Association; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the 4th annual Hambone Jam will be held September 11-12, 2009, in downtown
- 4 Fort Valley, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Hambone Jam is a registered contest of the Georgia Barbecue Association,
- 6 a prestigious recognition that elevates the Fort Valley BBQ cooking event to a select group
- 7 of contests held throughout the United States; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Hambone Jam not only provides a competitive BBQ cook-off with some of
- 9 the most delicious barbecue in the nation, but also hosts a wealth of family activities
- 10 including live music and entertainment, arts and crafts, and great family fun for all ages; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the event, which originated in 2006 with only 17 teams, has grown over the past
- 12 few years to 30 competitors, featuring the culinary skills of the event organizers, the Fort
- 13 Valley Police Department's Blueline BBQ team; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Georgia Barbeque Association has designated the Hambone Jam as the
- 15 official state championship for the organization; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Hambone Jam provides superior barbeque and wholesome family
- 17 entertainment while also giving tremendous support to Georgia's local communities, and it
- is only fitting and proper that this event be officially recognized.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 20 the annual Hambone Jam is hereby recognized as the Georgia State BBQ Championship
- 21 competition for the Georgia Barbeque Association.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

- 23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Hambone Jam and the
- 24 Mayor of the City of Fort Valley.